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LEISTON-CUM-SIZEWELL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

To: The Chairman and Members of the Leiston-cum-Sizewell Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen.

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the Health of the Urban District of Leiston-cum-Sizewell for the year 1972.

There was quite a substantial rise in the birth rate, for the year under review, the adjusted rate being 18.5 compared with 13.8 the previous year. This figure also compares very favourably with that for England and Wales, of 14.8. The actual number of births recorded during 1972 was 85, whilst in the previous year the total was 68. Reference to the Table of Comparative Statistics later in the report will show that the number of births has varied quite considerably from year to year however, the Registrar General's estimate of the total population shows that it is the same as for the previous year viz 4,970. This figure is much about the average for the past few years. Likewise the number of deaths - 54 - whilst slightly lower than the previous year, is about the average figure recorded within the District over previous years. The causes of death again, are typical of the pattern for the Country as a whole, diseases of the heart and vascular system, being the principle cause. Deaths from cancer of the lung numbered 5, the same figure as the previous year.

Comparatively few cases of infectious disease were notified, there being only 4 cases of Measles and 12 cases of Scarlet Fever.

The section of the report dealing with local sanitary activities, has been prepared by your Public Health Inspector and I refer you to that for details of the work carried out in this sphere of the Department's activities.

As this is the last occasion when I shall prepare an Annual Report on the health of your District, Mr. Chairman, may I take this opportunity of expressing my gratitude to you and your Committee Members, for the interest they have always shown in matters effecting the health of the Community for which they hold responsibility, since I entered the Public Health Service, and even since I became your Medical Officer of Health, much has changed in the pattern of health and sickness in this country. Infectious Disease, Malnutrition Diseases attributable to bad housing and poor working conditions have almost disappeared. We are however now presented with new problems to our health, such as noise, pollution in its many forms and the illnesses which come under the heading of "tension". It is perhaps therefore fitting that a complete reorganisation of the health services generally and those of the Local Authority in particular, should be taking place, as this will enable those charged with protecting the health of the community to reorientate their thinking so that they may reshape the future health services to be more in keeping with current problems.

I have the honour to be
your obedient servant,

Arthur C. Gee,

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area: 4,466 acres.

Population, Mid-1972: 4,970 (as estimated by the Registrar General)

Number of inhabited houses at 31st. December, 1972: 1770

Rateable Value as at 31st. December, 1972: £316,262

Product of New Penny Rate: £7,600

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

	Leiston-cum-Sizewell Urban D.C.					England & Wales Rates
	Total	Male	Female	Crude Rate	Adjusted Rate	
Live births -						
Legitimate	79	40	39			
Illegitimate	6	3	3			
Total -	85	43	42			
Live birth rate per 1,000 population	-	-	-	17.1	18.5	14.8c
Still births -						
Legitimate	1	1	-			
Illegitimate	-	-	-			
Still birth rate per 1,000 live and still births.	-	-	-	-	-	12.0c
Total live and stillbirths	86	44	42			
Infant deaths -						
Under 1 year						
Legitimate	2	2	-			
Illegitimate	2	1	1			
Total -	4	3	1			
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 livebirths	-	-	-	-	47	17.0
Legitimate	-	-	-	-	25	17.0
Illegitimate	-	-	-	-	333	21.0
Infant deaths -						
Under 4 weeks						
Illegitimate	2	1	1			
Neonatal mortality rate per 1,000 livebirths	-	-	-	-	24	12.0
Infant deaths -						
Under 1 week						
Illegitimate	2	1	1	-	24	10.0
Perinatal mortality rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live and stillbirths)	-	-	-	-	35	22.0
Deaths from all causes	54	36	18			
Death rate per 1,000 pop.	-	-	-	10.9	10.4	12.1

c Based on estimated births.

<u>CAUSES OF DEATH</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine.	2	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach.	1	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus.	5	5	-
Other Malignant Neoplasms.	4	2	2
Hypertensive Disease.	1	1	-
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease.	1	-	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease.	8	7	1
Other Forms of Heart Disease.	2	1	1
Cerebrovascular Disease.	10	4	6
Other Diseases of Circulatory System.	4	3	1
Influenza.	1	1	-
Pneumonia.	5	4	1
Intestinal Obstruction & Hernia.	1	1	-
Nephritis & Nephrosis.	1	1	-
Symptoms and Ill-Defined Conditions.	1	1	-
Diseases of Skin Subcutaneous Tissue.	1	-	1
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System.	1	-	1
All Other Accidents.	1	1	-
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality.	2	1	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents.	2	2	-
	54	36	18

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Measles	4
Scarlet Fever	9
Menningitis	1
Scarletina	3
Infectious Hepitites	1
	18

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TUBERCULOSIS

	<u>Males</u>			<u>Females</u>	
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>
Number of cases on register at 1.1.72	5	2	--	3	--
Number of cases added during the year.	--	--	--	--	--
Number of cases removed during the year.	--	--	--	--	--
Number of cases on register at 31.12.72.	5	2	--	3	--

Cases added to register

New notifications :- Nil
Inward Transfers :- Nil

Cases removed from register

Nil

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS.

Year	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Population	4,130	4,160	4,140	4,120	4,130	4,150	4,770	4,920	5,140	5,100	4,870	4,990	5,110	5,180	5,200	4,970	4,970
No. of inhabited houses	1,488	1,510	1,465	1,469	1,494	1,548	1,592	1,610	1,637	1,588	1,628	1,724	1,705	1,726	1,726	1,744	1,770
No. of live births	56	53	60	61	50	70	88	107	87	100	86	93	82	90	96	63	85
Birth Rate (Crude)	13.5	13.9	14.5	14.8	12.1	16.8	18.4	21.7	16.9	19.6	17.6	18.6	16.0	17.4	18.5	13.7	17.1
No. of Still Births	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	2	1	3	1	0	0	2	1	0	1
Maternal Mortality	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Infant Mortality Rate	35.7	17.2	33.3	0	20.0	0	22.7	9.3	11.4	10.0	23.2	22.0	16.0	0	21.0	15.0	47.0
(No. of Deaths)	(2)	(1)	(2)	(0)	(1)	(0)	(2)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(2)	(2)	(1)	(0)	(2)	(0)	(2)
No. of Deaths (all ages)	47	52	42	54	52	54	63	72	57	57	55	55	62	48	63	59	54
Death Rate (Crude)	11.14	12.5	10.1	13.1	12.59	13.0	13.2	14.6	11.08	11.17	11.29	11.0	12.1	9.3	12.1	11.9	10.9

LEISTON-CUM-SIZEWELL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman Ladies and Gentlemen, as this is the last Annual Report that will be compiled by the Leiston-cum-Sizewell Urban District Council, I feel it is worthy to notice that prior to dissolving, the Urban District has achieved its aim in certain projects namely:-

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The new sewage works have been completed and commissioned, a project which was held up for many many years.

HOUSING

Two contracts on Haylings Road site have been let and commenced with a hope this will relieve the housing situation in Leiston.

COUNCIL HOUSE MODERNISATION

The 90 houses in St. Margarets Crescent are being extensively modernised and the general stock of houses is being basically continually improved.

ELDERLY PERSONS HOUSING

Detailed planning approval for a further 40 Elderly persons houses has been received in respect of the proposed development off King Georges Avenue.

COMMUNITY CENTRE

A community centre has been commenced and will be at an advanced stage of construction by April 1974.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Work on promoting industrial growth for the town has been done and a small Industrial Estate started. I feel that the efforts made by Leiston Urban District Council over the last few years will leave a mark on the town for the foreseeable future, and the community at large will derive considerable benefits from these efforts.

Finally I would like to thank all my staff for their considerable efforts which have enabled a programme of work to be carried out as without a reliable team it is quite impossible to maintain a consistently high work flow.

I remain
your obedient servant,

H. Young,

Surveyor and Public Health
Inspector.

HOUSING

No. of houses inspected.	149
No. of houses found to be unsatisfactory.	29
No. of houses rendered fit by Informal Notices.	30
No. of demolition Orders secured.	Nil
No. of dwellings included in Clearance Orders.	Nil
No. demolished by informal action.	Nil
No. demolished under demolition Orders.	Nil
No. demolished under Clearance Orders.	Nil
No. of dwellings in respect of which or part of which Closing Orders were made (including Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953)	Nil
Undertakings not to re-let unfit houses.	Nil
Total No. new houses erected:	
(1) by Local Authority	Nil
(2) by Private Enterprise	5
No. of families rehoused from unfit houses.	Nil
No. of properties improved by Improvement Grants:	
(1) Discretionary.	12
(2) Standard.	33

FOOD

The number of food premises in the area and the type of business carried on are as follows:-

Grocery and General	16
Bakers and Confectioners	3
Butchers	5
Public Houses	7
Cafes	2
Fishmongers	1
Fried Fish Shops	2
Greengrocers	4
No. of food premises inspected.	34
No. found to be unsatisfactory.	Nil
No. rendered satisfactory.	Nil
No. of premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955:-	
(1) Ice Cream Manufacture.	Nil
(2) For the storage or sale of Ice Cream only.	15
(3) Sausages - preserved foods, etc.	10
No. of ice cream samples taken for bacteriological examination.	Nil

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No. of samples found to be unsatisfactory. Nil

No. of licensed slaughterhouses. 1

FOOD INSPECTION

Meat:-

The following table shows the number of carcasses inspected and meat condemned during the year:-

	No. Killed	No. Inspected	Whole or Part Carcasses Condemned
Bullocks	121	121	3
Pigs	407	407	3
Calves	34	34	1
Sheep	42	42	--

Other foods.

1040lbs. meat and a large quantity of frozen food was surrendered as unfit for human consumption.

DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED FOODS

Condemned meat is disposed of to the Suffolk Fat & Bone Co., at Oulton Broad and tinned foods to the Council's Refuse Tip.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

There are four licences to station and use moveable dwellings in force in the district.

RAT AND MICE DESTRUCTION

No. of inspected properties.	390
No. of premises infested.	189
No. of premises treated.	189

DESTRUCTION OF WASPS NESTS

Approximately 84 wasps nests were destroyed.

DISINFECTION ETC.

No. of Premises Disinfested.	Nil
No. of Premises Disinfected.	Nil

REFUSE COLLECTION

House and trade refuse from shops was collected weekly and disposed of by controlled tipping until 4th, April, 1972, and from then onward was disposed of by pulveriser at Yoxford.

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
I. Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	1	1	-	-
II. Factories not included in I. in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	24	17	-	-
III. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	1	-	-	-
	26	18	-	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND:-

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions, they should be reckoned as two, three or more 'cases'.

	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which Prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors. (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (a) Insufficient (b) Unsuitable or defective (c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-

OUTWORK

(SECTIONS 133 and 134)

	SECTION 133			SECTION 134		
	No. of outworkers in August list required by Section 133(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to Council	No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices Served	Prosecutions
Wearing) Goggles	42	—	—	—	—	—
Apparel) Respirators.						
) Making etc.						
) Cleaning & Washing.						
Household Linens.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lace, lace curtains and nets.	1	—	—	—	—	—
Curtains and furniture hangings:	—	—	—	—	—	—
Furniture and upholstery:						
Electroplate:						
File Making:						
Brass and Brass articles:						
Fur Pulling:						
Iron & Steel anchors and grapnels:						
Cart Gear:						
Locks, latches and keys:						
Umbrellas:						
Artificial flowers;						
Nets other than wire nets:						
Tents:						
Sacks:						
Racquets and tennis balls:						
Paper bags:						
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper:						
Brush Making:						
Pea Picking:						
Feather sorting:						
Carding of buttons etc:						
Stuffed toys:						
Basket Making:						
Chocolates and Sweetmeats:						
Cosques, Christmas Stockings, etc:						
Textile weaving:						
Lampshades:						
TOTAL:	43	—	—	—	—	—

